

Foreword

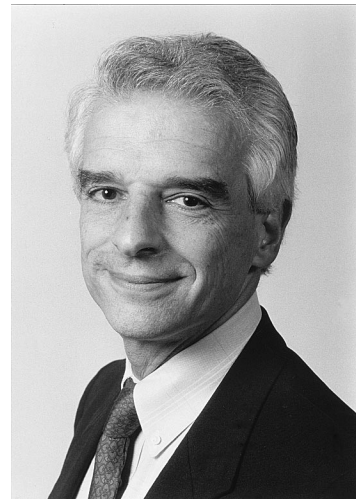
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Established in 1994, the Vascular Biology Working Group (VBWG) is organized under the auspices of the University of Florida College of Medicine. In keeping with its mission to provide a forum for the periodic review, exchange, and assimilation of data from research in vascular biology, the VBWG has held over 120 conferences worldwide, involving more than 4,000 participants.

In 1998, the Interventions in Cardiology Study Group (ICSG) was formed as a separate arm of the VBWG. The ICSG has 3 educational goals: (1) to provide a forum for the review and exchange of new data in interventional cardiology; (2) to broaden understanding of the interrelation among abnormal lipid levels, the vascular biology of atherosclerosis, and vascular responses to intervention(s); and (3) to develop consensus on practical interdisciplinary guidelines for management of postintervention patients.

To these ends, the ICSG regularly brings together

representatives from interventional cardiology and preventive cardiology. This supplement to *The American Journal of Cardiology* is one such educational initiative. The theme is the continuum of care for patients with coronary syndromes, and addressing this theme is a truly unique interdisciplinary group of leaders in their field. We hope that the information and analysis they present help you apply the latest advances in vascular biology to your own practice.



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